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FCSO Confirms 4 Inmate Coronavirus Cases at ADC *Preventative Measures Implemented Across the Facility*

FREDERICK, Md. (Jan. 7, 2021) – As of Saturday, Jan. 2, the Frederick County Adult Detention Center (ADC) currently has had four inmates test positive for the coronavirus.

“At my direction, the warden locked down the ADC and instated additional preventative measures to protect all staff and inmates,” said FCSO Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. “ADC leadership and Wellpath medical professionals are working with the Frederick County Health Department to ensure every employee and inmate adheres to the CDC guidelines regarding quarantine, isolation, and treatment. All sanitation measures instituted at the beginning of the pandemic are continuing as prescribed.”

ADC correctional officers immediately placed the four inmates into medical isolation for a 10-day quarantine, where Wellpath staff are constantly monitoring them. Additionally, the block of the ADC in which these inmates resided went into a 10-day quarantine and staff offered all inmates in that block a coronavirus test. All other inmates in the ADC are in a 7-day quarantine.

Additional preventative measures, which are temporary, include:

- Inmate movement restricted to sick call and mental health check-ups
- Inmates can still attend video court and bond reviews
- Inmates can contact their attorney from within their housing unit
- No work release crews going out to the public
- All programs offered to the inmates are canceled
- The ADC library will be closed
- All visits are suspended until further notice
- All dental visits are postponed
- Correctional officers are working two-week post assignments
- All correctional officers' in-service training is postponed.

Currently there are six ADC correctional officers with positive cases of coronavirus. Each of these officers are in their CDC directed quarantine and cannot return to work until they complete their quarantine and test negative for the coronavirus. All correctional officers and staff wanting the vaccine, started receiving it earlier this week.

“The fact that we went 10 months without a positive single inmate coronavirus case is quite an accomplishment, however we knew this day would come,” said Maj. Michael Cronise, FCSO assistant corrections bureau chief. “We have planned and prepared for this since day one and our preventative measures instituted will help us in stopping this spread throughout our facility. The health and well-being of our staff and the inmates is always our primary concern.”

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosheriff.com for more information.

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